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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

'Emong' slams Pangasinan, La Union; exits Saturday

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon
and Alcuin Papa
in Manila

TYPHOON "EMONG" PUMMELED western towns of Pangasinan last night, blowing away houses, toppling trees and power lines, and plunging many areas in the heavily populated province into darkness.

Police said La Union was also being heavily battered by the typhoon and that buses and motorists were stranded along highways in the two northern provinces.

"Super strong winds and rain all over the area," Director Leopoldo Bataoil, chief of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations in Northern Luzon, said in a text message to the Inquirer.

He said people marooned in island barangays in Dagupan City "are calling for SOS" and police were mobilizing rescue teams.

Earlier yesterday, as Emong (interna-

EMONG / A11

THE SUMMER NEXT TIME Heavy rains induced by Typhoon "Emong" drench the UP Diliman campus and the rest of Metro Manila Thursday and prompt Pagasa to make it official: Summer's gone away for now.

Pacquiao defies WHO

INSIDE THE "INDIE" BUS also known as "The RV" (register and vote) on their way to a nationwide campaign to get new voters to register are from left, Sen. Kiko Pangilinan, Naga City Mayor Jesse M. Robredo, ex-Rep. Neric Acosta and Rep. Risa Hontiveros. Behind them (center) is TV host/Entrepreneur Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV. At left, partly hidden, is Alex Lacson, author of "12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do to Help Our Country."

Ring legend due today; told to keep fans at bay

By Jerome Aning and Christian V. Esguerra

THERE WILL BE NO HIGH FIVES, HUGGING OR kissing when Manny Pacquiao arrives today from his historic conquest of Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton in Las Vegas.

Instead, the champ will be met by swine flu busters and subjected to a thermal scan, foot bath and asked to fill out a health checklist—things that any ordinary mortal goes through on arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Terminal 2 in the midst of a global alert for an A(H1N1) epidemic.

Doctors from the Bureau of Quarantine will be posted at the arrival concourse to guide his entourage and see to it that media people and other kibitzers are a good one meter away from him.

Ambulances will be on standby to whisk him away to quarantine just in case he exhibits any flu-like symptoms, said Angel Atutubo, Naia assistant general manager for security and emergency service.

For ignoring a World Health

PACQUIAO / A11

TKO by any other term still knockout

By Francis T.J. Ochoa
Assistant Sports Editor

ONE OF THE MANY THINGS blurred out by the glare of Manny Pacquiao's smashing conquest of Ricky Hatton is the blurring of the lines that define boxing's terminologies nowadays.

Post-fight interviews with the current pound-for-pound champ have repeatedly quoted him as saying that because of his "left hook," which knocked Hatton out cold in the fading seconds of the second round of

TKO / A21

Nameless group targets 9M new voters

By Philip C. Tubeza

IT'S A MOVEMENT STILL without a name—but it has a tough mission, a fast-approaching deadline and a bus taking its leaders on a nationwide tour to convince the lazy or apathetic citizen to register and vote in 2010.

At a time when "dagdag-bawas" (vote-padding or shaving) schemes and the "Hello Garci" scandal have caused many to lose trust in the ballot, the campaign seeks to replace cynicism with new hope and bring an estimated 9 million "new" voters into next year's elections.

The drive, to be formally launched on Wednesday with a two-hour rock concert starring Sharon Cuneta, is spearheaded by three incumbent and former lawmakers, a youth leader, a book author and a city mayor

NAMELESS / A11

New party-list solon is refused entry at Batasan

By Leila B. Salaverria

TOUGH LUCK IF YOU'RE A COMMON man, a member of the House of Representatives, and go to the office on foot. Chances are the House guards would think you don't belong.

Reporting for work this week, the caravan, neophyte Anakpawis Rep. Joel Maglunsod felt what it was to be

NEW PARTY-LIST / A6

Comelec disqualifies all bidders

By Kristine L. Alave
and Michael Lim Ubac

ALL SEVEN BIDDERS IN THE P11.3-billion poll automation contract have been disqualified by the Commission on Elections (Comelec), raising the possibility of manual balloting next year and fears of a grand plan to "steal the elections."

Ferdinand Rafanan, chair of the Comelec's special bids and awards (SBAC) committee, said yesterday that the committee would not yet declare a bid failure even though all bid documents had been declared ineligible. He said he expected appeals for reconsideration of the decision.

"This is a bad sign, a sad day for Philippine democracy if we blow this one big chance at modernizing Philippine democracy, making each vote be

COMELEC / A11

Abus kill heroic Sulu PNP chief

By Julie Alipala
in Zamboanga City
and Jocelyn R. Uy
in Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE police director of Sulu was killed in a fire fight yesterday afternoon between Sulu policemen and Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Senior Supt. Julasirim Kasim, his brother Rosalio, a police trainee, and two other police officers were killed during the clash that started at about 3 p.m. at the boundary of Barangays Bulian and Bulabog in Maimbung, Sulu, according to Chief Supt. Bensali Jubaira, police chief of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Police have yet to find out if this was the same bandit

ABUS KILL / A6

Ako Mismo 'plot to get voters' info'

By Dazin L. Lucas

IS THE "AKO MISMO" MOVEMENT an insidious plot to collect voter information that could be used in next year's presidential election?

The prospect of a "Big Brother" gathering demographic data for a political campaign was raised yesterday by voter education advocate Jaime Gardeñares, who questioned the way the movement funded by

AKO MISMO / A11

NEWSBREAK from the camp of kingmaker Danding Cojuangco: His party's presidential bet will either be Sen. Loren Legarda or Sen. Chiz Escudero and that they have to decide between them who's going to be "it."

Danding party to field Loren or Chiz; Gibo out

By Leila B. Salaverria
and Michael Lim Ubac

BLOOD RELATIONS DO NOT MATTER to the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) when it comes to choosing its standard-bearer for the 2010 presidential election.

According to Pangasinan Rep. Mark Cojuangco, the party founded by his father, Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, will make its choice between Senators Francis "Chiz" Escudero and Loren Legarda, both party members.

Defense Secretary Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro, Cojuangco's cousin and a former NPC member, is not being considered.

"The blood being thicker than water (adage) does not concern the choice for president of our party. Our party has a position. We have two viable candidates, we believe they are 'winnable,' and we will be pushing them," Cojuangco said yesterday at the Serye forum.

He said he respected Teodoro's dreams, but added that the NPC had a dream of its own—to field either of the two senators, who, he pointed out, were hardworking, capable,

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2 boys cleared of swine flu

By Dona Pazzibugan and Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

TWO BOYS UNDER OBSERVATION FOR POSSIBLE INFECtion from the A(H1N1) influenza virus have been cleared, but four other people remain under observation for signs of the virus as of yesterday, Health Undersecretary Mario Villaverde said.

The boys, aged 12 and 9, who were confined at the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Alabang, Muntinlupa, after their arrival from South Korea, tested negative for the virus, Villaverde said.

The two were among the five cases under observation announced last Wednesday by Health Secretary Francisco Duque III.

The laboratory results for the three other cases are still pending, said Villaverde.

The three are a 32-year-old Filipino overseas worker who arrived from Ireland and a 26-year-old Caucasian woman who arrived from the United Kingdom, both of whom are confined at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) in Cebu, and a 20-year-old Filipino who arrived from the United States and is now confined at the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila.

Caucasian cleared

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Quorum lack stalls Senate ethics probe

By Michael Lim Ubac

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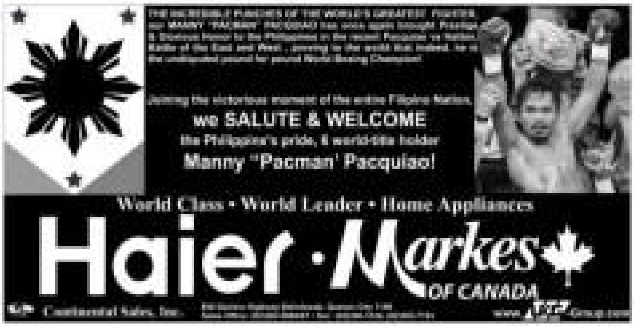
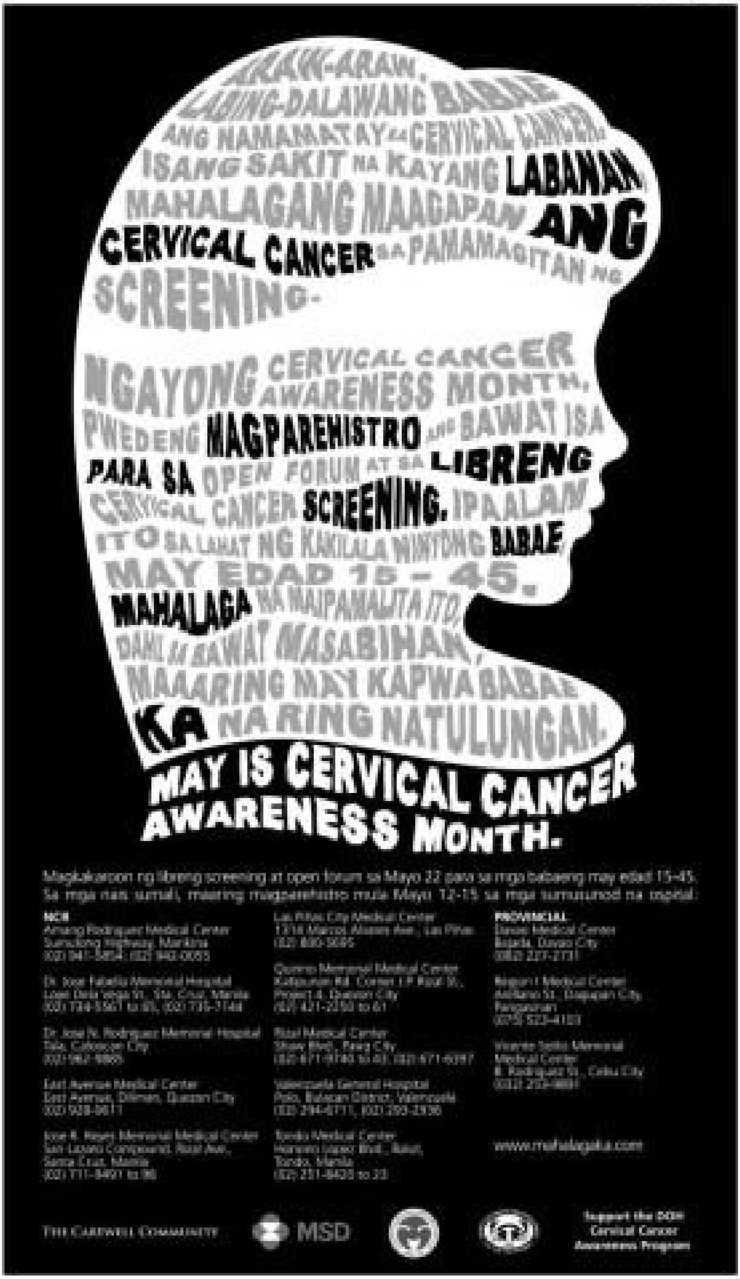


Solons not being forced to share pork, says Palace

By TJ Burgonio



THE DAILY GOSPEL

NBI probers remove tiles from Failon bathroom

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF Investigation (NBI) sent yesterday a team to remove some tiles from the bathroom at the house of broadcaster Ted Failon where his wife, Trinidad Etong, was found with a bullet wound in the head.

A source requesting anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media told the Inquirer that with the scheduled termination of the probe today, the teams involved in the investigation are working to answer the last questions in the incident.

In removing the tiles at the bathroom, he explained, the NBI will determine the trajectory of the bullet which killed Etong, who succumbed to a gunshot wound in the head while confined at the New Era General Hospital.

"The investigators want to put an end to further speculations and answer the remaining questions to come up with a factual conclusion on what really happened," the source said, adding that Failon had given his consent to the removal of the tiles.

The NBI expects to come up with a report on the result of the investigation by Monday.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez had reprimanded the NBI for releasing statements preempting the outcome of the investigation.

Apart from the ballistics examination, investigators are also studying the handwritings of the house helpers and those of Etong. They are also being interviewed.

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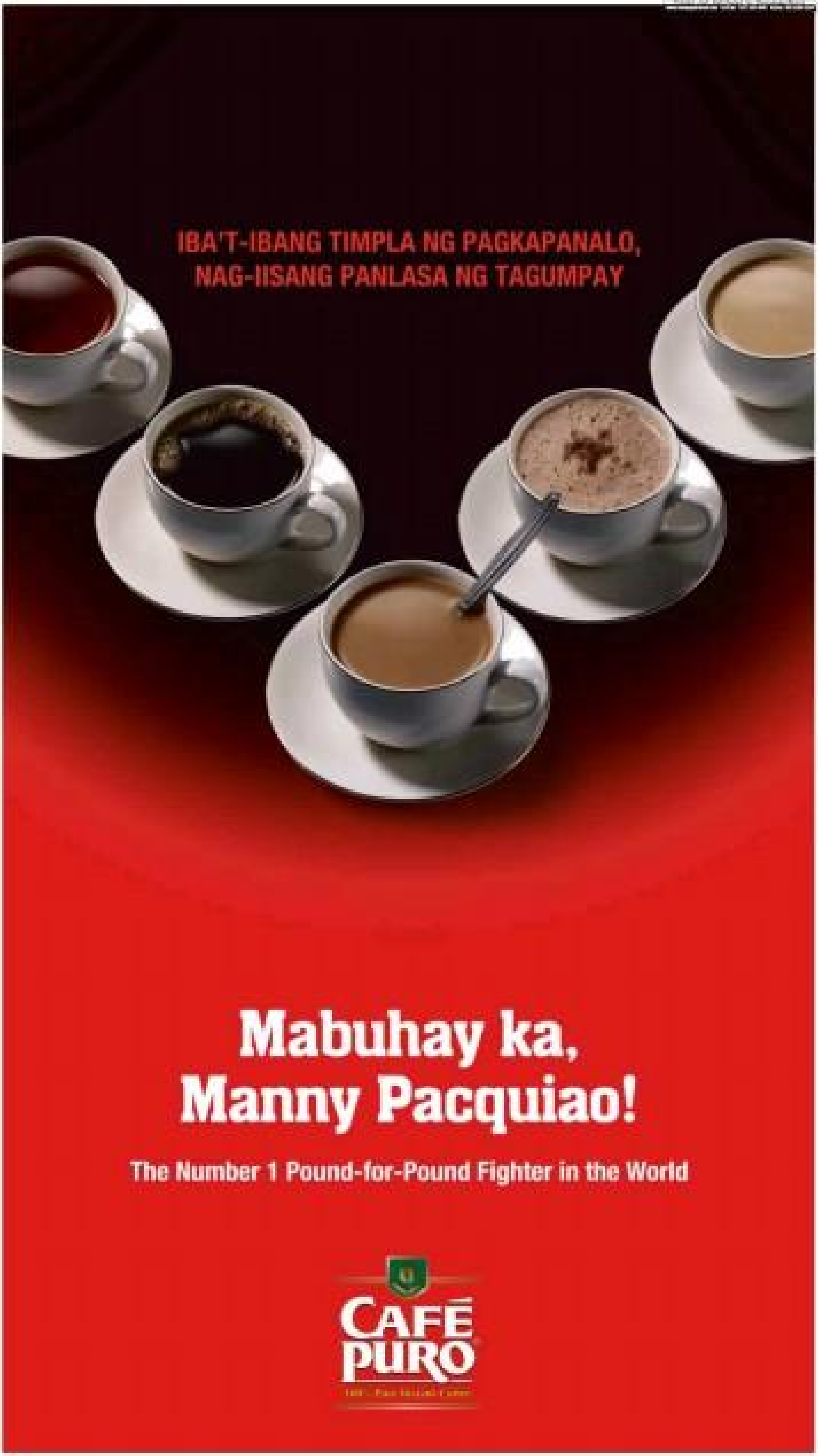
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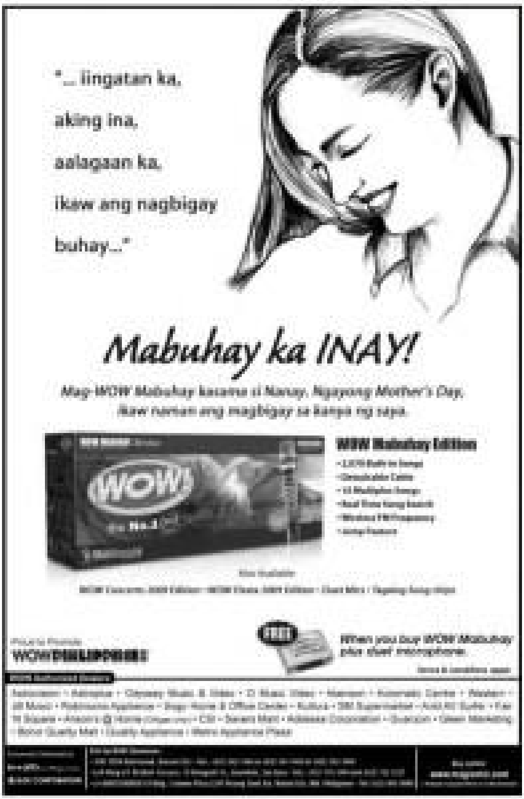

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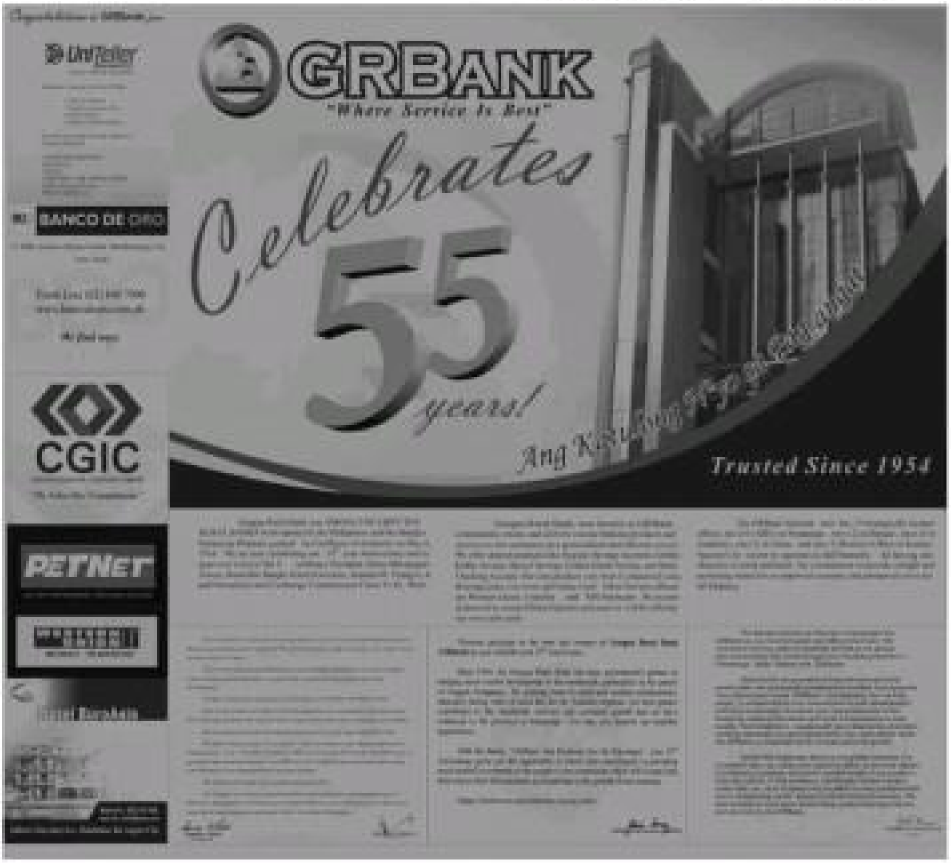

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Hundreds flee

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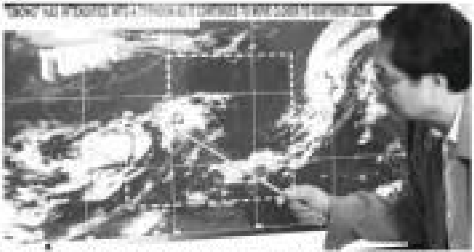

5th typhoon this year

Families flee

Strongest so far

Improved weather Saturday

Storm signals

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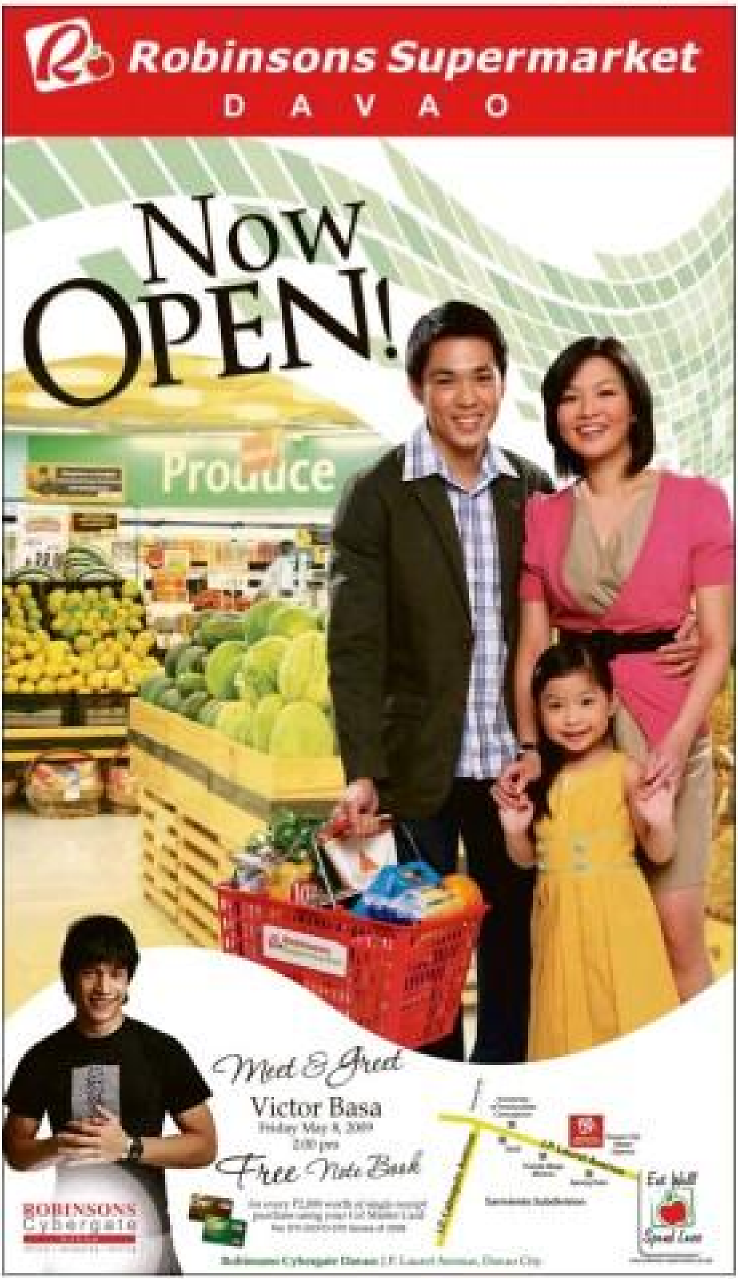

Across the NATION

Mindanao's biggest textile firm closes

Stop in US orders forces company to lay off 1,600

COTABATO CITY—Mindanao's biggest textile and clothes exporting firm has informed labor authorities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao that it will shut down on May 15, displacing some 1,600 workers.

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Tough times

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Planned brands

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Option

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CHEMICAL SHOWER A farmer sprays pesticide on vegetable plots in La Trinidad, Benguet, considered the Philippines' "vegetable bowl."

Exec says gov't gave 7,000 jobs on projects

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Negros execs insist GMO ban not harmful

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H1N1 monitors also rise at Davao airport

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Crash site rites held as villagers report bad dreams

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Lamppost case linked to Gutierrez impeach

Teodoro says he'll protect Army interest in Crow Valley

Librarian seminar in C. de Oro

It's early Christmas Day for East Samar employees

Gov't warned veggie imports could bring pests

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Comelec accredits Pacquiao's party

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Cory leaves hospital

FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL operation of her colon at the Makati Medical Center early this week, former President Corazon Aquino was discharged from the hospital yesterday and "is recuperating well," according to her only son, Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino Jr.

"Our mom is now sitting up and walking," the young Aquino said in a statement. "She has been advised by doctors to take an adequate rest for full recovery after the procedure."

She was discharged from the hospital at 3 p.m., according to one of her daughters, Ballsy.

The 76-year-old former president, who was diagnosed with cancer of the colon early last year, underwent a laparoscopic colectomy on Monday to remove a diseased portion of her large intestine.

Sen. Aquino said his mother was attended to by a team of 10 doctors, including Dr. [illegible] Leong, a French surgeon.

"She was very appreciative of the excellent care and concern she has received from them, as well as from nurses and employees of the Makati Medical Center," the senator said.

On Wednesday, Ms Aquino's youngest child, Kris, said her mother had taken her first steps and had also resumed praying the rosary daily.

But the former president and People Power icon remained in isolation, with visitors limited to selected members of her immediate family. *Ri Esmores*

Judge returns Jun Lozada to Senate custody

By Tina G. Santos and Michael Lim Ubac

A MANILA JUDGE YESTERDAY granted the Senate's bid to regain custody of whistle-blower Rodolfo Lozada Jr.

In a four-page ruling, Judge Jorge Emmanuel Lorredo of Metropolitan Trial Court Branch 26 ordered Lozada's transfer from the Manila Police District back to Senate custody for humanitarian considerations.

"It would be cruel and inhuman for this court to mandate accused to the city jail when there is reasonable ground to believe there is risk to his life there," the judge said.

"... In this particular case, the court is of the view that it is safest in the Senate, where the senators seem to be protecting him like a sort of national treasure, a treasure with valuable gems called truth," Lorredo said.

The Senate had filed an urgent ex parte motion to have Lozada released on its recognizance while the perjury case filed against him by former presidential chief of staff Michael Defensor was being heard.

"Since it is actually because of the Senate that Jun Lozada has found himself in his current predicament ... it is but proper that the Senate continues to ensure [his] safety by reassuming protective custody over him throughout the duration of the [NBN-ZTE] case," Sen. Mar Roxas had argued.

Clad in a green and white striped shirt, Lozada arrived in court at 8:30 a.m. accompanied by his lawyer, Jose Manuel Diokno, and Sr. Mary John Mananzan, cochair of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP). His wife, Violet, and doctors from Medical Center Manila where he had been recently confined were also present.

Close to 100 people gathered outside the court building, carrying placards bearing messages of support for Lozada.

Hot, crowded courtroom

The small, cramped and non-air conditioned courtroom of Lozada erupted in cheers after one of the court staff read the judge's ruling.

Those present, aside from Roxas, the nuns and members of civil society and militant groups who have been Lozada's constant companions, were Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, party-list Representatives Satur Ocampo and Neri Colmenares, and former Senate President Franklin Drilon.

Appearing pale and weak and with an intravenous needle stuck in one hand, Lozada expressed relief on hearing the judge's order.

He said his return to Senate custody would put an end to the "abuses" he had been suffering.

"They are doing everything to abuse me. I do not want to legitimize their harassment of me," he told reporters.

"I'm grateful, happy. I wholeheartedly accept the Senate's help... If not for them really I would not be in this situation now," he said in Filipino, laughing.

In a Senate inquiry in February 2008, Lozada testified on alleged irregularities in crafting the $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) project of the Philippine government with China's ZTE Corp.

"I am not blaming the senators, that is all in the past. I'll just get ready to face the minions of Malacañang in court," he added, also in Filipino.

Before the reading of Lorredo's decision, Lozada entered a not guilty plea to the perjury case filed against him by Defensor, who did not show up for the proceedings as he was reportedly out of the country.

Defensor had charged Lozada with lying when the latter accused the former of telling him to deny he had been kidnapped by government security agents on his arrival in Manila from Hong Kong in February 2008. Lozada had fled to Hong Kong to avoid testifying in the Senate.

Bail of P6,000 was recommended by the court for Lozada's release but he has refused to post it.

Lozada, who was moved from the MPD's warrant office to a regular jail cell on Monday, was rushed to the nearby Medical Center Manila on Tuesday night after he had difficulty breathing and appeared to be dehydrated. *With a report from Jeannette I. Andrade*

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Final SC ruling: Close Pandacan oil depot

FILE photo of the Pandacan oil depot nearby shows oil firms which were ordered removed from the area.

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED WITH FINALITY for the closure of the Pandacan oil depot in Manila, and reiterated its order to Chevron, Petron and Shell to submit within 90 days a comprehensive schedule for the relocation of their storage facilities.

The high court also reiterated its order to Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim to implement a city ordinance that reclassified the Pandacan and San Andres districts from industrial to commercial, thus effectively ruling out the continued existence of the oil depot.

The Supreme Court en banc issued its final order as it swiftly denied the second motion of reconsideration made by Chevron Phils. Inc., Petron Corp. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. against the original March 7, 2007 decision of the Supreme Court's First Division.

"No further pleadings shall be entertained in this case. Let an entry of judgment be made in due course," read part of a four-page resolution issued by the court en banc.

Stressing that a second motion for reconsideration is prohibited under the rules of court, the Supreme Court en banc said the three oil firms merely made a rehash of the arguments they raised in their first motion for reconsideration, which the court's First Division rejected in a resolution dated Feb. 13, 2008.

The court also took judicial notice that the oil firms have begun to comply with the orderly phaseout of the oil depot when they submitted relocation plans and reports to the Manila Regional Trial Court.

In its March 7, 2007 original decision, the high court ordered the Manila City mayor to enforce City Ordinance No. 8027 directing the oil companies to remove their terminals from Pandacan.

The ordinance reclassified portions of the Manila districts of Pandacan and Sta. Ana from industrial to commercial and directed certain business owners and operators, including the three oil companies, to cease and desist from operating their businesses there.

In rejecting the oil companies' appeal, the Supreme Court's First Division directed the mayor of Manila to oversee relocation and transfer of the Pandacan oil terminals in coordination with appropriate agencies and stakeholders involved.

The high court directed the presiding judge of the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 39 to monitor the progress of the relocation.

In that resolution dated Feb. 13, 2008, the high court gave Chevron, Petron, and Shell a 90-day non-extendible period to submit to the Manila RTC Branch 39 a comprehensive plan and relocation schedule that will see to the "orderly transfer, movement and relocation of assets and personnel."

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POLICE use bamboo batons to beat back women activists of Nepal's communist party who tried to storm the president's house in Katmandu on Thursday.

Strategy is to keep swine, bird flus apart

Nepal deploys more troops to quell Maoists

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5,335 students dead, missing in '08 quake

Land clearing threatens Malaysia fireflies

Gambler scoops jackpot, poises lawsuit

Nintendo defies recession with record profits

NINTENDO company game consoles continue to attract buyers in Tokyo despite a drop in consumer spending amid the global economic downturn.

American arrested for entering Suu Kyi home

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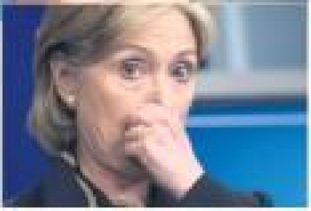
US raid kills scores of Afghan civilians

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN—VILLAGERS DUG DIRT graves to bury what the international Red Cross said were dozens of Afghans—including women and children—killed in American bombing runs this week. A former Afghan government official said up to 120 people may have died.



Thousands more head for UN refugee camps

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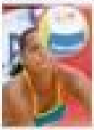

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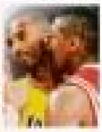

Pacman-Hatton monster PPV hit

Cable TV earnings could be fourth highest-grossing fight in history

THE MANNY PACQUIAO-Ricky Hatton showdown is now a certified pay-per-view monster hit.

EXPECTATIONS EXCEEDED

The Philippine Badminton Association (PBA) would like to announce that it is not calling for a general assembly meeting and election on May 9, 2009 as reported in the media.

While it is true that the Philippine Olympic Committee has recommended the calling of the said election, the PBA regrets to say that as an autonomous national sports association it is not accepting the recommendation of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC).

The PBA had its 2009 general assembly meeting and election last January 31, 2009 wherein the assembly voted unanimously Madam Amelita "Ming" Ramos as president.

PBA will not allow the will of its legitimate member organizations to be thwarted.

POC has only made a recommendation and it has never issued an order to call an election.

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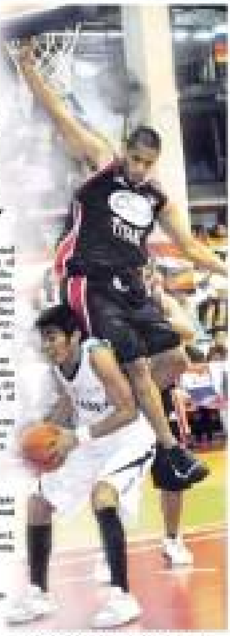
Secretary General

Pharex nails outright berth over Magnolia



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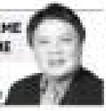

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Paeng sets new RP four-game standard

Beach favorites rip foes

Foundation U pushes San Beda to the brink; FEU falls

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Rondo, House power Celts; LA equalizes

Barcelona draws with Chelsea to reach final

Disappointed and angry

Barcelona's star-filled lineup

BUSINESS

RP forex reserves hit historic high of $39.46B

End-April GIR up 5% from year-ago level

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS SAID THE country's liquidity position remained unaffected by the global turmoil as the gross international reserves (GIR) rose to a new historic high of $39.46 billion last month.

The end-April foreign exchange reserves were up one percent from [illegible] billion the previous month and 5 percent from [illegible] billion a year ago.

The GIR, a closely monitored economic indicator, measures a country's ability to fund transactions like importation and debt payments with the rest of the world. A healthy level of GIR also enables a central bank to defend the local currency against speculative attacks.

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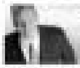

Stocks up for 5th trading session

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San Miguel seen bidding for 600-MW Calaca power facility

Beer-based conglomerate drops bid for Limay plant

By Amy R. Remo

FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONGLOMERATE San Miguel Corp. is reportedly bidding for the 600-megawatt (MW) Calaca coal-fired power plant in Batangas, according to the head of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp.

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StarTek clinches new BPO contract

By Abigail L. Ho

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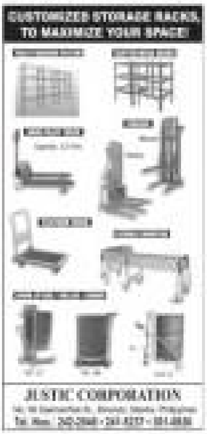

FPI seeks higher tax on steel imports

By Abigail L. Ho

IN A BID TO PROTECT LOCAL MANUFACturers of steel products, the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) is urging the government to impose a higher safeguard duty on steel angle bars as the threat of a surge in Chinese imports looms.

FPI president Jesus Arranza said the move would be particularly timely in light of the Chinese government's decision to provide rebates of between 13 and 17 percent to its steel exporters.

With the rebate program in place, he said Chinese steel makers would be able to sell their products at much cheaper prices to the detriment of local manufacturers.

For example, Chinese steel exporters can mark down a certain product's price from $1,000 a metric ton (MT) to only $830. The balance of $170 can be claimed from the government as a rebate. The export rebate program started on April 1.

Apart from the rebate program, Arranza said the imposition of the lower 0.5-percent tariff on various Chinese steel products under the Asean-China Free Trade Agreement was also exacerbating the plight of local steel manufacturers.

"The government should not wait until our industries suffer more injuries from an import surge before taking action. It is now time to think of the welfare of the Filipino workers, the Philippine economy and the country as a whole," he said in a statement.

"If we will not respond to this immediately, the Philippines will become a mere importing country and will be at the mercy of other countries for an important industry like steel," he added.

Once Chinese steel products enter the Philippine market, he said local manufacturers would be placed at a disadvantage.

Based on current prices and quoting computations made by local steel makers, he said the price of China-made steel angle bars was lower by as much as P14,000 a MT than their actual production cost.

To prevent an influx of such products in the Philippine market, he said the industry was now pushing for a safeguard duty of P9 a kilo for imported steel angle bars.

Galoc operations suspended

By Amy R. Remo

OPERATIONS AT THE GALOC OIL FIELD in offshore Palawan had been temporarily suspended as Typhoon "Emong" (international code name: Chan-Hom) is expected to pass 380 nautical miles to the north of the field.

In a regulatory filing, Otto Energy Ltd. chief executive Alex Parks said the company was advised by field operator, Galoc Production Co. WLL (GPC), of the decision.

Otto holds a 31.38-percent stake in GPC, which operates Galoc oil field covered under Service Contract SC14-C. GPC holds a 58.29-percent working interest in the Galoc license.

"Production has been temporarily suspended while preliminary preparations are being made to disconnect the Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility in the event it becomes necessary," Parks said.

Parks also said that prior to the planned disconnection, GPC has already completed a cargo (the shipment) of 326,000 barrels of Palawan light crude oil on May 5.

"The next offload is scheduled for end of May or early June," Parks added.

The cargo and another planned shipment in June of more than 300,000 barrels are expected to be sold to two different buyers in Korea.

In the first quarter, the Galoc oil field produced 494,877 barrels of crude oil, bringing total output to 1.3 million barrels since it began commercial production last October.

As of end-March, the oil produced at the Galoc had been sold at an average price of $44.40 a barrel.

Currently, oil production at the Galoc facility averaged 14,500 barrels (gross) of oil a day. The repairs and enhancement made on the FPSO mooring and riser system in February this year should have increased the facility's stability, especially when typhoons cross the oil field.

Gov't not keen on considering nuclear option

RP not yet ready to operate mothballed plant, Reyes says

Mango industry faces production challenges

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The Lord's purposes for Jess are fulfilled.
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Let us not mourn for he lived a life blessed with light.

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Memorial Services will be held at the Jose Rizal Room of Funeraria Paz inside Manila Memorial Park, Sucat until May 9, 2009.

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Filipino brand shines in crisis-hit Dubai

CHOWKING branch in Al Ghurair, Dubai

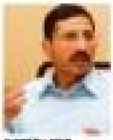
Despite slowdown, Tradeline has big plans for Chowking

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS HIT the United Arab Emirates in the Middle East hard, and the emirate of Dubai is bearing the brunt of the impact.

Construction in the financial and commercial center of oil-rich UAE has practically ground to a halt because the flow of easy money from investors in developed countries has slowed to a trickle following the collapse of housing prices and the unprecedented shake-up in the financial sector.

Plus, the locals who reveled when crude oil prices skyrocketed to a high of $147 a barrel in July 2008 now have to tighten their belts and live with the sober reality of $50-a-barrel prices with the sudden drop in global demand for petroleum products.



AHMED LAFIR

With no signs that the good old days will be back anytime soon, businessmen in Dubai have turned understandably more cautious and reluctant to put more money in their enterprises and expand operations.

But not Ahmed Lafir, managing director of the Dubai-based Tradeline LLC, which holds the exclusive franchise to put up Chowking stores in the UAE.

While his colleagues in the business sector are holding on tightly to their cash, Lafir is bent on putting up more branches to add to his current network of 13, and is even seriously looking at the possibility of bringing Chowking to the other countries in the gulf region.

"I think now is the best time to invest because everything is cheaper. The locations that we could not get access before are now available," Lafir explained. "It will be more difficult for us to move if we wait until next year."

He said this during an interview during his last visit to the Philippines that he remains on an expansion mode because he is confident that there is still great growth potential in the Chowking brand despite the financial crisis gripping the UAE.

This is not to say, however, that Chowking is immune to the debilitating effects of the crisis—far from it. Because of what Lafir calls "crisis of confidence" in the UAE, people are not eating out as often as they used to.

FILIPINO B2-2

CHOWKING CEO with Lafir

No more tears

Marketing Rx

Unique positioning

Hygiene, motivator values

Getting satisfaction

Filipino brand shines in crisis-hit Dubai

Seminar on laundry set

Dream island buffs RP image abroad

Big ticket project

> According to Banyan Tree Holdings, the Diwaran Marina Resort will be the single largest integrated island resort in Asia

Scene and noted

Couple dress up recession-proof …

Metrobank wins two Gold Trusted Brand awards

BUSINESS Friday

Couple dress up recession-proof babies

By Jo Anne E. Padilla

AFTER JUST SIX MONTHS in the business, AJ and Audrey Dimaocor have learned one thing: Children are recession-proof.

"Parents will always buy something for their kids," Audrey said. "They are always the priority."

This augurs well for googoogaagaa, an art-driven apparel line for babies and kids that is designed and made in the Philippines by AJ and Audrey, both 33.

"The brand personifies our characters, thus the name," AJ said. "Audrey is the structured, organized type, while I am the gaga, the risk-taker, unpredictable artist."

The idea to go into business was born when AJ and Audrey decided to get married in December 2007.

They took the road traveled by entrepreneurs because they both wanted to be financially independent and, at the same time, hands-on parents to their 8-year-old son Gabe.

"We saw that work-family balance remained a myth, especially with very demanding jobs," Audrey said. "AJ was an art director for OgilvyOne Worldwide, at that time, and I was a project manager in a major telco."

And while trying to have another baby, googoogaagaa was put up.

"In one of our conversations, we said we wanted to have our children wear my designs," AJ said. "It became our inspiration to put up a children's clothing business."

AJ belongs to a growing group of contemporary artists that has blurred the boundaries between art and design. He has been part of group exhibits in Manila and Canada, holding his first solo show in Manila in 2006.

His works have appeared in books published in the United Kingdom, Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

His current focus is on T-shirts and apparel graphics. He has won several T-shirt design contests at Designbyhumans.com and Threadless.com. His work has also been picked up by [illegible] and [illegible] and brands like [illegible].

These accomplishments gave him the confidence to start his own clothing line for babies.

"My visual style has always been unusual, vibrant and manic. This is very evident in my designs for googoogaagaa," AJ said. "By using sublimation technology, we are able to transfer my art onto onesies for babies and T-shirts for kids."

The "all over" look of each onesie (a type of clothing for babies) is achieved by using sublimation technology. The nature of this printing technique ensures a unique piece of art every time—no two onesies or T-shirts are exactly alike. The process also produces a super soft piece of wearable art that is 50-percent polyester and 50-percent cotton.

"There is no thick ink against the baby's skin because the inks used for sublimation are all water-based so they are very safe," AJ said.

The apparel line googoogaagaa was launched at the Christmas Urban Bazaar in Rockwell on Dec. 12, 2008.

"We started with baby onesies. Customers' feedback was really overwhelming. We tapped a big market that's obviously hungry for fresh and good-looking designs, not your generic [illegible] prints, which flood the market," Audrey said.

That was the time AJ and Audrey realized that, despite the price, P695 apiece, people are willing to pay for the premium.

"There's a mother who bought eight onesies without batting an eyelash because she appreciated the art and the overall quality of the product," Audrey said.

Because of the response of customers, AJ and Audrey decided to expand to T-shirts for kids.

"Our customers' insights and suggestions have helped us tremendously in understanding their buying patterns and building our line," Audrey said.

COUPLE B2-7

ELECTRO doodles for cool baby

AUDREY and AJ Dimaocor

VINTAGE Tumtums

SMART hosts 2nd Social Networking and e-Business Conference

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DIWARAN IN CORON

Dream island buffs RP image abroad

By [illegible]

Contributor

MOST RECENTLY CHOSEN AS "THE MOST Preferred Destination in Asia by Mungbun's World Trade Fair, the Philippines is experiencing an unprecedented tourism boom.

The boom should continue despite the global economic crisis as just last week, a total of [illegible] officers, agents and [illegible] members of the foreign media, representing Europe's top-selling travel agencies and publications based in Germany and Austria, arrived to take part in the Far East Live Seminar in the country.

Good news

[illegible] has been proven to increase tourism arrivals to Asian countries and this is good news for the Philippines.

Also expected to increase tourism arrivals to the country is the opening in 2012 of the 5-star deluxe Diwaran Marina Resort in [illegible]-hectare Diwaran Island, part of Coron Reefs in northern Palawan. It will be one of the Philippines' brightest advertising surprises to the world.

Perfect experience

Imagine: Dugongs, dolphins, whales, giant clams, pearl bearing shells, a riot of fish swimming with you just a few steps from the shore and thousands of limestone islands. Perhaps the only thing missing is a mermaid to make the experience even more perfect.

When God scattered thousands of rocks, big and small, in this part of northern Palawan, you'd probably think He's an art director.

Strewn around any island gem you'd want to put in your jewel memory box, each designed to make it as the [illegible] crowning glory.

DREAM B2-5

THE CORON Island group: "One of 50 stunning places on earth you must see before you die," says a foreign tourist.

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Must-see shoe exhibit—and it's not about Imelda

The French embassy, Alliance Française and Yuchengco Museum stage a novel, fun experience

LACE-UP shoe doubles as ski toy

By Alex Y. Vergara

FORMER FIRST LADY IMELDA Marcos—in keeping with the world's image of her—would have felt right at home amid the shoes on display at Yuchengco Museum in Makati, except that this show has nothing to do with her.

To promote "cultural dialogue" between France and the Philippines, Alliance Française de Manille, under director Olivier Dintinger, opened the exhibit "Portraits of Shoes, Stories of Feet" Tuesday last week. (It runs until June 20.)

Curated by Yves Sabourin, the same Frenchman who mounted an exhibit of Christian Lacroix's dresses at Ayala Museum two years ago, the exhibit showcases 64 pairs of shoes from the 18th to the 21st centuries, mostly made in France.

"It has nothing to do with Former First Lady Imelda Marcos," said Dintinger. "Although if you go through the collection, you will see a family of shoes and how they were used as symbols of power. Shoes can also be potent symbols of victory, migration and, of course, sex."

Styles, shapes, materials and methods used to manufacture them range from the utilitarian to the unorthodox. The show, Dintinger added, pays homage to shoes as functional articles and cultural symbols, even objects of fetish.

A lace-up leather shoe (the left one is missing) was designed and custom-made by a famous French shoemaker in the 1920s. Its unusual platform heel was be-

CHANEL'S platform with lightbulb-shape heel

JAZZED-up kakya with carved heel and hand-painted sole

CHANEL'S metallic platform with revolver heel

NEOPRENE gets new twist

CERAMIC shoes

HIGH-COLORED boots with straightlock

FLAT with kiss accents

Must-see shoe exhibit—and it's not about Imelda

SCULPTURAL mule with mother-of-pearl inlay

SLEEK running shoes from Adidas

EMBELLISHED in summer colors

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loved to have been used by its owner for some kinky ritual she bestowed on unde… nonchalantly.

The line between fashion and function blurs. While the likes of Karl Lagerfeld, Raymond Massaro and Roger Vivier have, on exhibit, iconic, cutting-edge styles that made fashion statements, there are also stylish yet highly functional ballet flats and strappy ballroom staples by Repetto and neon-colored running shoes by Adidas.

The Philippine Inquirer, he had a carved bakya (clog) from Japan, and an embroidered … carved and hand-embroidered footwear from Japan, Tahiti and Tunisia.

The Philippines, which like France had a thriving shoe industry until globalization and China came and spoiled the party, is the first leg of the exhibit's Asian tour that includes Bangkok, Taipei and Seoul.

Given the logistic requirements of a traveling exhibit, Sabourin didn't include shoes—historic artifacts—once worn by Napoleon, Marie Antoinette, Edith Piaf and Charles de Gaulle.

"It's not a historic or evolutionary presentation of shoes either," said Sabourin, who worked with Marie-Josèphe Bossan-Picard, chief curator of the Romans International Museum of Shoes. "The selection was completely arbitrary. I want people to come up with their own stories after going through the different groups of shoes."

Writer Jeannie Javelosa, consultant to the Marikina Shoe Museum, described the show as a "fun collection," thanks to the playful approach of Sabourin.

"It's not as scholarly as some shows are, which makes it a more engaging experience," said Javelosa, who worked on the show's Philippine component by securing locally made shoes representing various places and periods. "Yves wanted a local

YVES Sabourin

STATEMENT heel

EMBROIDERED moccasin

METAL and suede

version. We got excited because it hasn't been done."

Of course, Marikina, the country's shoe capital, is also famous for its shoe museum, which has a substantial number of pairs that once belonged to the former first lady, but the loans were limited to those produced in the city.

Javelosa made sure to allot enough space on the museum's upper floor for Philippine-made shoes or vintage pieces made abroad but were found in the Philippines. The move, he said, is in line with Alliance Française's mandate to promote cultural dialogue.

Javelosa and her team also secured shoes and slippers in various parts of the country, including Laguna and Baguio. She also borrowed pieces from local designers such as Lila Almario, Cesar Gaupo, Brian Tenorio, Patis Tesoro and Mark Kamphuis (the man behind the brand Island Mood).

Javelosa collaborated with Goethe-Institut Manila to bring in an art installation by German artist Hans Hungerer and Filipino filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik. The piece featured 100 pairs of shoes based on the design of sculptor Pete Jimenez and made by 42 Baguio woodcarvers.

The exhibit's Philippine content is also shaping up into a mini museum, since Javelosa plans to beef up the collection with shoes that once belonged to famous Filipinos, including former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez.

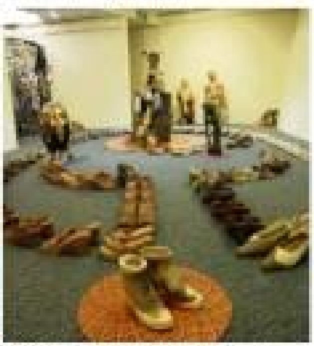
"As we were setting up last night, I was trying to trace Rizal's shoes, the pair his girlfriend Leonor Rivera beaded for him," she said. "They're still looking for them, as well as the shoes that once belonged to President Magsaysay."

But what's a shoe exhibit without Imelda? Javelosa included some identical pairs designed by Kamphuis, but in different colors, that once graced the feet of the country's most powerful woman. (Kamphuis's Mario was the shoe brand found in the 80s.)

Shoes may be potent symbols of power, but, as history tells us, such symbols could be as fleeting as the reign of persons who wielded power.—ONO

LACROIX'S metallic brocade

WIRE mesh ballet flats



WOODEN installation by Kidlat Tahimik and Hans Hungerer

FORTI'S sandal as an insect

PATENT leather shoe that looks like a bag

Fashion design course for beginners

FASHION DESIGNER MICHELE Sison is offering an introductory course on fashion design all Fridays this month.

The course offers an introduction to the principles of fashion design and concentrates on the development of ideas from research and simple understanding of fabric technology.

A combination of lectures and a design brief to be worked on during workshops will enable students to gain an understanding of the design process, from primary and secondary research and experimental design analysis to refining and selecting design ideas for a chosen market and developing a mood board with color selection and fabric awareness.

Basic figure techniques will be introduced in various stages of the program, encouraging students to draw freehand and explore different media, and to develop their own personal portfolio style.

Students of all levels, 16-18 years old, with an enthusiasm for fashion illustration and a desire to develop and practice their skills are welcome. The teaching will encourage students to form their own individual creative responses and gain confidence in expressing their concepts, ideas and style.

Sison, a fashion designer since 1993, is a graduate of Interior Design from the University of the Philippines and has a degree in Fashion Design from Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, California. She also took short courses in hat, bag and shoe design at Central Saint Martins in London.

The tuition fee is P6,000 inclusive of sketching sheets, tracing sheets, sketchbook portfolio, pencils, colored pencils, felt-tip pens, watercolor set and ruler. Classes are held from 2-5 p.m. every Friday.

For inquiries, visit Sison's atelier, ET Bldg., at 140 Lirio St., Dasma Village, Makati City. E-mail michelesison@yahoo.com or call 0917-5288303 or 6318744.

MICHELE Sison

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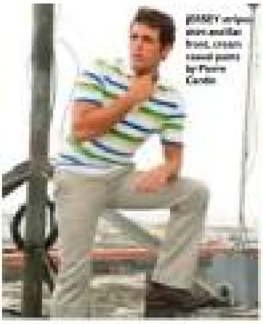

Fuss-free summer wear

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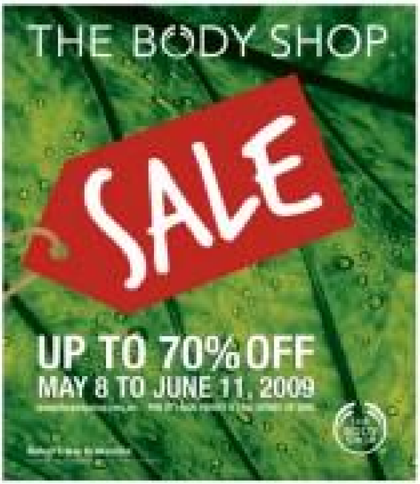

Chic alternatives from Spanish fashion brand

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MAKEOVER 911

Gift-hunting for Mother's Day

THE FACE Shop Real Fragrances: Secret Blossom, Wish Upon a Star, Essential for Him and Sweet Pleasure

TFS SOUL Inspired Make-Up Lipstick in BE002, PK104, OR202; Blush in Pink, Violet and Orange; and Dual Eye Colors

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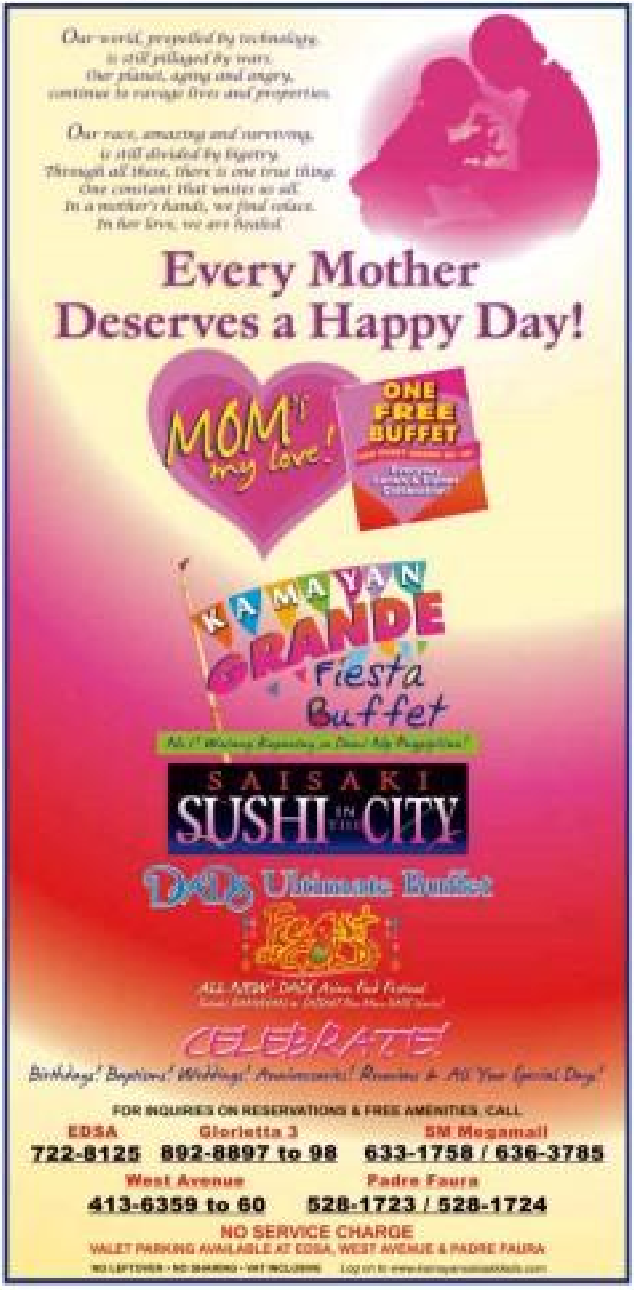
Fragrances

Makeup

SNOW Caps Glutathione with vitamin C and alpha lipoic acid

Lipstick

Skin whitener



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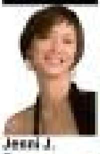

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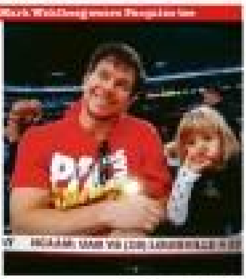

GEOFF Rodriguez, Sarah Meier-Albano and Jason Rollins

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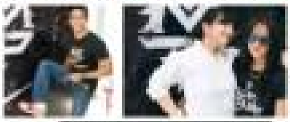

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Do your own acid-wash

Bleach your jeans and make them recession chic

BLUE and gray sleeveless top, Marc by Marc Jacobs; blue jeans, F&H

By Jorel Epperson

DURING A RECESSION, CREATIVITY is the best policy! One must be creative and resourceful to survive the fashion jungle.

This week's DIY feature focuses on a fashionable equation of a household must-have and wardrobe staple: Bleach + T-shirt or Jeans = Acid Wash. Forget about clothes stains and embrace bleach blotches, and let your imagination run free by creating the perfect wash.

Materials: T-shirt, jeans, household bleach, basin, rubber gloves, cloths/sponge

Easy Steps:

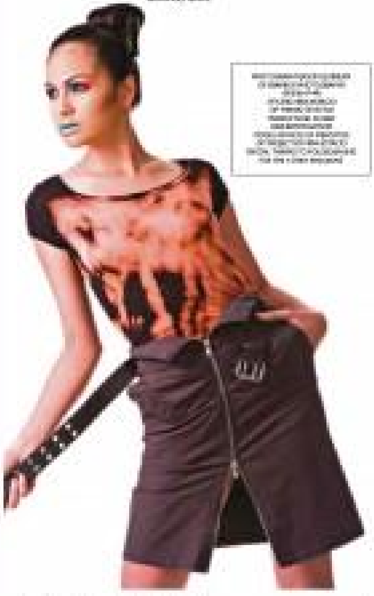
Step 1: Pick out a T-shirt and a pair of jeans you would like to acid wash. A plain one with a dark color like black or a dark blue shade would have better results.

Step 2: Wet the garment in the sink or in a basin and then wring the garment to take out excess water.

Step 3: Spatter some bleach on the T-shirt and jeans any way you want. The more abstract the better.

Step 4: Rub the bleach onto the jeans with cotton balls or sponge so the fabric will absorb it. Leave the spattered bleach on for 10-15 minutes in a basin until the color you like emerges.

Step 4: When you're happy with the color, rinse off the bleach and machine-wash your T-shirt and jeans, then dry after.



BLACK T-shirt, F&H; black zipper skirt, Marc by Marc Jacobs

runway inspirations

BASKETBALL star Willie Miller

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COACH Roy Bernal

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NIKE Pacquiao Windrunner Jacket

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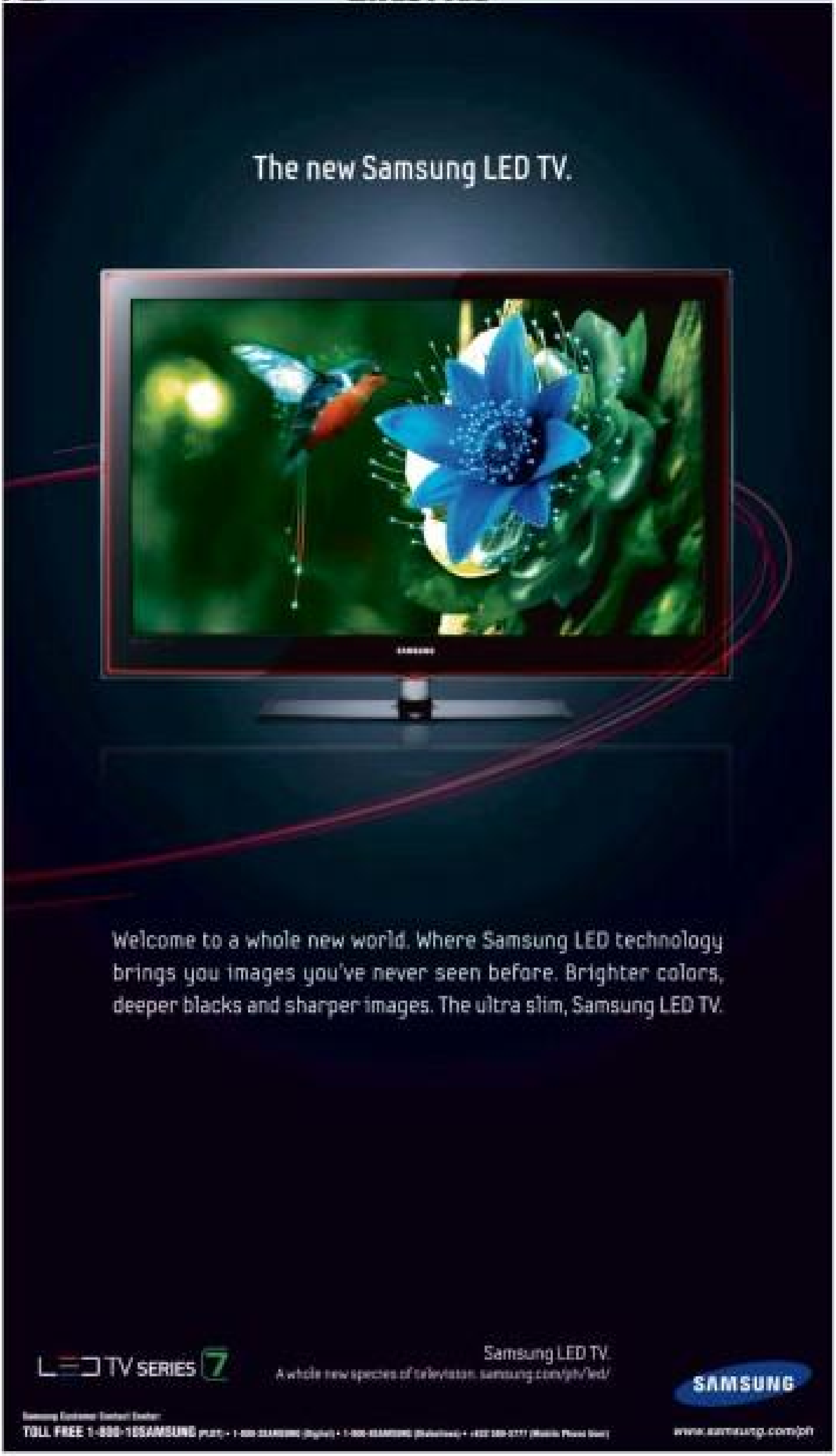
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LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

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Think aqua for the eyes, 'Charlie's Angels' wavy hair, and fluid dress

2009 trends take the color, movement and shape of water

By Melanie Cuenca
Contributor

WATER IS THE key element for 2009's fashion and beauty trends, according to P&G beauty experts.

Celebrities and beauty experts were out in full force at P&G's annual beauty symposium in Kerala, India, recently. The 2009 key trend—Shine: Water as precious resource—was interpreted by leading global beauty visionaries such as iconic hairstylist and Pantene brand ambassador Sam McKnight, top makeup artist and Olay ambassador Bruce Grayson, and Wella colorist Eva Szilvo. They created inspiring hair and beauty looks.

The Aqua trend was especially strong in New York and Milan Spring-Summer '09 catwalks, according to Vassiliki Stevas, P&G beauty director.

Fashion brands such as Donna Karan and Calvin Klein used fluid fabrics, watery shades of ice white and oceanic blue, and shimmery textures that mimicked the movement of water.

Elements of the sea were also seen in Victoire de Castellane's oversize cocktail rings and fasteners for Dior. This was even evident on the Oscars red carpet.

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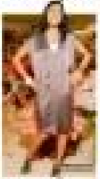
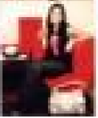
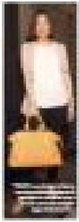
Aqua fabrics and shimmery textures at Calvin Klein

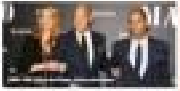
Six easy pieces for your corporate wardrobe

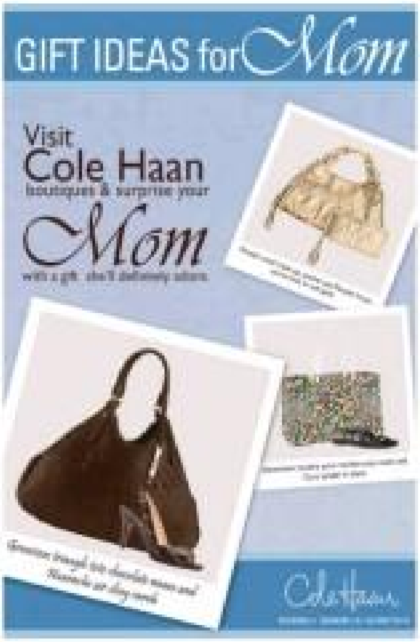






Mango goes '80s, honors Oscar de la Renta





Think aqua for the eyes, 'Charlie's Angels' wavy hair, and fluid dress

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with Anne Hathaway and Freida Pinto in flowing, mermaid-inspired gowns.

McKnight's fashion hair forecast for 2009: "Lots of waves and curls a la 'Charlie's Angels.' No drama, just simple structures that are effortless and weightless."

Stella cofounder Bruce agreed: "Mermaid-like S-waves are strong this season, with hints of blue and green undertones for hair color."

Makeup artist and Olay ambassador Grayson showed how to use various shades of blue on the eyes, a makeup look heavily seen on the Milan runways. "I used three shades of aqua blue eye shadow (one with shimmer) as palette to create depth, and topped it off with white micro-glitter to create waves of aqua movement on the lids."

He then used black pencil eyeliner on the upper lash lines, then finished the look with luminous skin, cream blush and nude lip color.

SPOTLESS hair and brows seen at Grain Club

OLAY ambassador and makeup artist Bruce Grayson shows how to recreate the Abyss look.

Less rigid

In tune with more liberal ideals proclaiming beauty in all colors, shapes and sizes, a new trend Peters dubbed as "Debode" would seek to establish a less rigid measure of physical beauty. "We are now embracing our differences and accepting the imitations to live with, in our bodies. Curviness is glamorous, sensual, and an embodiment of the feminine ideal."

Translated into fashion and beauty, expect clothes, hair and makeup to create fluidity and suppleness, creating a new sensuality.

Another coming trend Peters called "BioLogic" would fuse biology and technology to create a new aesthetic. Peters discussed the new nature of innovation, how technology has branded itself in more organic avenues for use in key industries in fashion and beauty. "With the BioLogic trend, the idea is to take advantage of technological performance in order to live in a better world," Peters explained.

TOP HAIRSTYLIST Sam McKnight gives tips on creating loose, S-shaped curls.

Bruce Grayson's makeup tips:

- Make sure the skin is well-hydrated and moist. This provides a fluid surface for smooth application of makeup.
- Prep skin by cleansing and exfoliating (at least twice a week) so that skin is free of residue and oxides.
- The days of using typical, heavy makeup to cover facial flaws are over. Grayson prefers using sheer illuminating products such as Olay Total Effects Touch of Foundation. "Because it's a tinted moisturizer, it allows your natural skin tone to shine through," said Grayson. If you have blemishes or more noticeable discolorations, this can be used alone or under base for foundation such as Max Factor Lasting Performance Liquid Makeup for added coverage.
- Focus either on skin, eyes or lips. "At the Oscars, luminous sculpted skin took a front row seat, with sheer washes of vivid pigmented color used on the eyes. Turquoise, aqua and cobalt are dominant; here this season and emphasize the aquatic influence apparent in much of the collections," added Grayson.

DONNA Karan shift

PENSHOPPE DC Comics superhero shirts

Look seriously super this summer!

AS SOON AS "WHY SO SERIOUS?" came out of the late Heath Ledger's mouth in 2008's phenomenal hit "The Dark Knight," those three little words became the most-quoted line in recent movie history.

Part of the legendary DC Comics superheroes, Batman and his nemesis The Joker are some of the classic comic-book heroes who made the transition from juvenile and geeky to super-cool and mega-fame.

Penshoppe, the go-to source for what's hip and fashionable for the Filipino youth, brings the DC Comics superheroes from the silver screen to the streets. Penshoppe, in its limited-edition collection of T-shirts featuring superheroes in hip designs.

There are graffiti-style Batman portraits, The Joker's haunting mask or wild scribbles. For some old-school fun, retro Batman logos and iconic comic-book art of The Riddler, another Batman villain, will add some zest and 'WHAM! BAPOW! BLAM!' to your wardrobe.

WONDER Woman shirt

A promo gives a super-hip freebie with a Penshoppe Superhero purchase until May 17. Penshoppe offers a free drawstring bag for a minimum P1,000 purchase in a single receipt.

A perfect alternative to plastic bags in today's eco-conscious times, the reusable bag is available only at Penshoppe boutiques carrying the Superhero line of shirts.

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

HEART SHAPED sapphire drop earrings

MULTICOLORED stones in leaf design

Hans Brumann marks his atelier's 30th year

EMERALD and diamond band

What makes jewelry sexy?

Take it from Brazilian women

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World's first digital clutch now here

Hottest cool accessory/computer

STYLE icons Ingrid Chua-Go and Daphne Osena-Paez

JERRY Dy, HP market development manager for notebooks; Miriam Quiambao; and Bebs Macuno, HP country general manager

DAVID Tan, HP Philippines managing director, with the HP Mini 1140

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Mom's beauty solutions

From designer and luxe skincare to low-cost wrinkle and acne treatments

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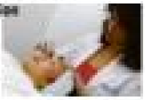
Low-cost wrinkle solution



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Caviar for skin

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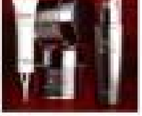
Anti-aging line



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LifeStyle

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A bigger and more exciting Kultura Filipino is in store for shoppers as it re-launches its Mall of Asia store today. Located at the Second Level of the Main Mall, the 1,700-square meter store has modern and minimalist interiors, with subtle lighting and sleek, white display shelves to highlight its home, fashion, and souvenir items.

Since it was launched in 2003, Kultura Filipino has showcased highly original and innovative items that celebrate homegrown creativity, ingenuity, and craftsmanship. And today, it brings lifestyle retailing to a new level with its new look at the SM Mall of Asia.

Facade of Kultura Filipino at SM Mall of Asia.

A display of stylish bags made with native materials.

Pinoy treats at Kultura's souvenir section.

The updated look of Kultura's fashion and accessories section.

The new home section features the best of Filipino craftsmanship with furniture and home decor from Negros.

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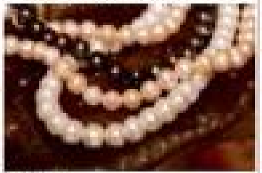
Shoppers at the new Kultura Filipino store will have a rare opportunity to see Filipino creativity, ingenuity, and craftsmanship, at work as artisans demonstrate how their world-class crafts are produced during the opening weekend on May 8 - 10, 2009.

Cigar Rolling
The Spaniards introduced tobacco to the Philippines in the 16th century, bringing with it the art of cigar rolling. Watch this fascinating craft as it is demonstrated from May 8 - 10, 2009.

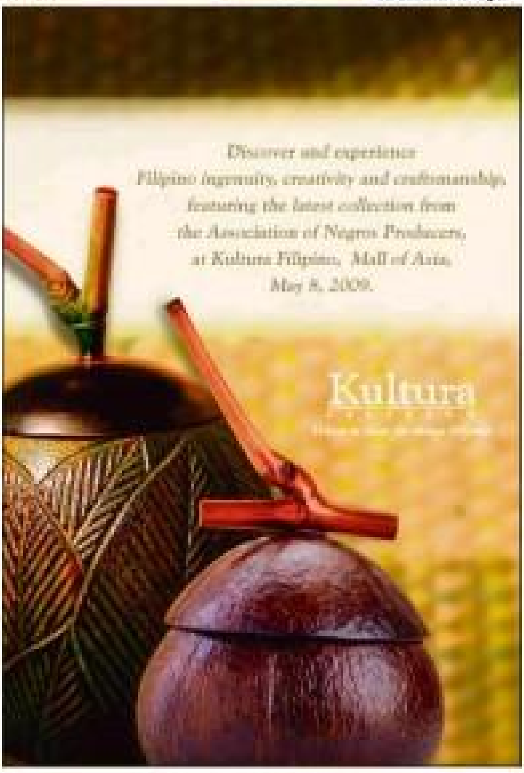


Pearl Stringing
Gifts from the Philippine seas are carefully strung to create beautiful pieces of jewelry, fashion embellishments, and home accents. On May 8, 2009.

Kalinga Weaving
Watch skilled weavers from our northern Mountain Province transform native materials like cogon, buntal, abaca, and tinagong into fashion and home items. On May 8, 2009.

Barong Weaving and Embroidery
As our National Dress for men, the barong tagalog has become known through the centuries for its elegance and exquisite embroidery. Watch how it is woven and embroidered from May 8-10, 2009.

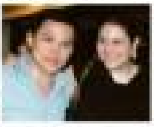
Bikes Hand Painting
The modern T-shirt gets a colorful make and is hand painted with iconic shots of Philippine bamboo, urban landscapes, and other icons. Watch how this is done on May 8-10, 2009.

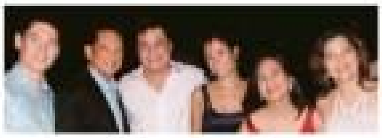


Sunset cruise and fireworks mark great lady's birthday

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache





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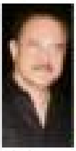
'Love Conquers All' campaign



Freebies and fun treats for moms

From wellness booths to ice skating, liposuction price rollback

Bowl and skate

Mom expo

A well-deserved break

Lipo price rollback

For moms and kids

Moms-to-be

PAMPERING MOM

KTV AND ARCADE GAMES

Mommy freebies

Suite Treats for mom

'Me & Mom' getaway

Raffle

Health and wellness

'Mothers for Mothers'

Spa treat

'My Fair Lady'

Salon treatment

THEME RETREATS

Still a doll at 50

A special meal, and flowers, too

What's in-store at Kultura Filipino

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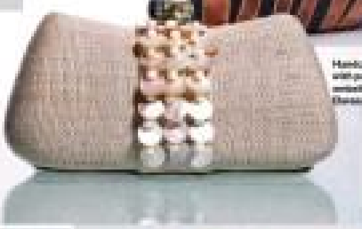

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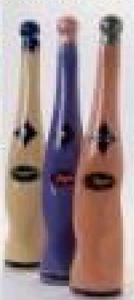

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No stopping 2 Davids

SUPER-HERO WORSHIP

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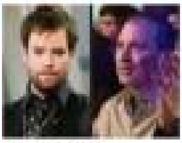

'TWAS THIS ONE

FEEDBACK

'Maong' gets Cannes slot

Teachers name 'best movies for students'

By Marinel R. Cruz

Romantic drama

Animated film

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'Maong' gets…

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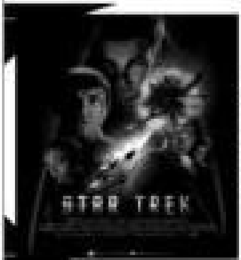

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Young cast energize 'Star Trek'

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Books

EVERYONE HAS BEEN RECOMMENDING William P Young's novel, "The Shack," to me. When I finally read it, I understood why it's truly life-changing and inspiring. It's a work of fiction, but more people believe it happened in real life. It's a lot like "Conversations with God." It really opens up your heart to a lot of possibilities.

—Rhigued San Diego Jr.

Home Body

JENNYLYN relaxes in the backyard nipa hut.

Home with a view

New house, new baby ... and a new life for Jennylyn Mercado

By Rhigued San Diego Jr.
Photos by August dela Cruz

SO THIS IS THE CONTROversial house.

Singer-actress Jennylyn Mercado, first female winner on the GMA 7 reality search "StarStruck," was deluged with intrigues and gossip last year. The most painful of these, she recalls, was the wild talk that her new house in Quezon City was a present from actor-politician Bong Revilla.

"I felt embarrassed for Sen. Bong and his family," she tells Living Stars.

She says she's opening the doors to her new house precisely to dispel all that nasty talk. "It's unfair to me, too. This house isn't a gift from anyone. I'm still working hard to pay for this property."

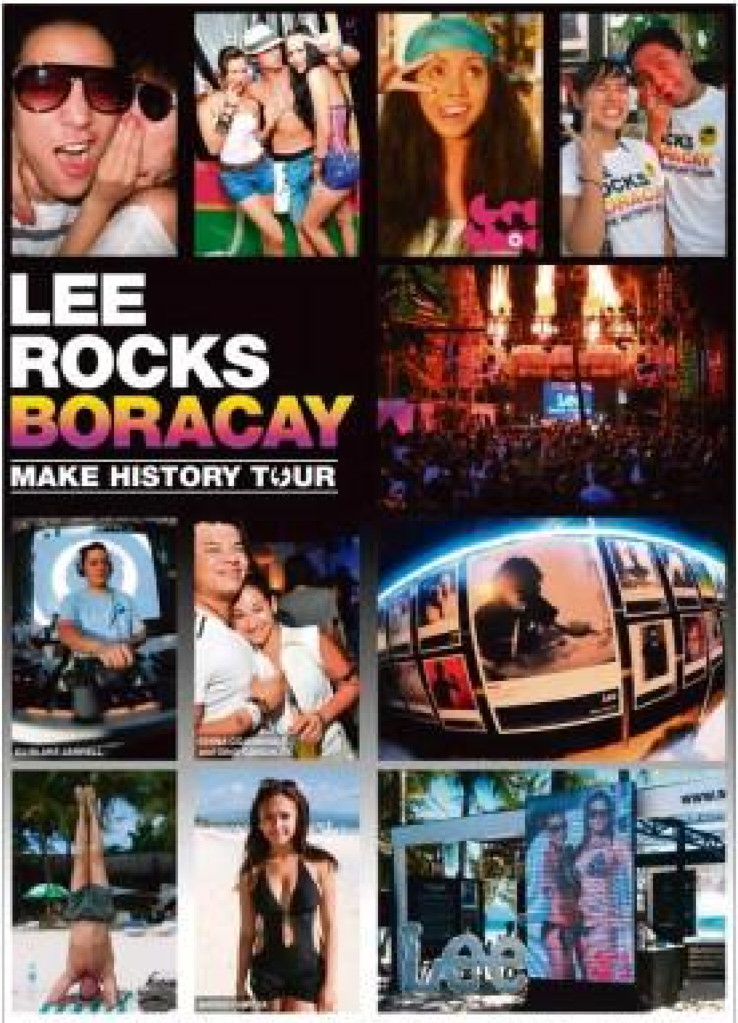
Jennylyn has a "rent-to-own" deal with the house's owner, Rosemarie Lani, a family friend.

Rosemarie's daughter Janice, the singer-actress' buddy, conceptualized the house as a replica of the Lanis' country-style home in the United States.

Jennylyn and Janice, who met in 2003, started modeling and acting at the same time. "Rosemarie regards Jennylyn as her own daughter, since Janice now works in the United States with our producer Annel Boy Jimmy," explains manager Becky Aguila.

HOME/C2

SCENTED soap shaped like roses and shells and ceramic containers sit in the kitchen.



At the 2nd installation of the Lee Make History Tour, the much talked about photo story competition pushed up its gear and flew south to set up shop on the sandy shores of Boracay. Building an interactive mobile gallery slash hip clubhouse from the ground up, the massive all white organic structure featured the official photo entries of the Lee Make History campaign. 5 main photo stories have already been chosen within Asia Pacific to be used in magazines and billboards as Ad campaigns. Elevating their way to the coveted top five are three from the Philippines. These compelling images and a host of other genuine photo perspectives made a visual wallpaper that covered the Gallery's wall inside and out. A virtual feast of stunning photography that managed to engage, connect and intrigue enough to vie for the grand prize of a whopping $40,000.

Lee Rocks Boracay was not to be outdone; it upped the ante with the famous sunset as the background, free flowing deadly drinks and a bouncing all night, decked out, kick ass beach party with one-generic music from Lee DJ's Aiden Ramos for chill Thursday, Erwin Edralin for house Friday. The Easter party tradition, Saturday evening, those on ok Lee Rocks Boracay in partnership with BigFish brought in Becky Forward! The party to be in lasted night into day with international DJ Blake Jarrell holding out the best dance music that saw super sweaty, hyper active hot, hot bodies grooving and pumping their fists into the air. And for those with the post long holiday depression, Lee, BigFish and Hedkandi still rocked the island with another sultry beach party on April 17, Friday with Ig or Cub, Andy Norman and Jamie Richards.

Getshot, the infamous party paparazzos, also brought in their click crazy photographers who went on expeditions mode searching for the coolest cats and the hottest chicks. Working along side with the Lee Make History campaign, Getshot photos were posted on a live photo wall inside the gallery and uploaded to two outdoor gargantuan LED screens. Literally stopping foot traffic with larger than life image blow ups, party photos and portraits flashed like winking bright billboards on Boracay's mini Edsa. Definitely a first on the famous white strip, and surely not the last.

By now, only the sea urchins in the deepest part of the ocean escaped the madness surrounding the event to be seen and be in. And its not over yet! The Lee Make History Tour is on a roll, expect the whole look, shoot and anything loaded to be in your region soon. Lee indeed makes history by turning up the volume and shaking things up by celebrating music, fashion, photography and everything else in between.

Party Pics are up! www.getshot.com.ph.
The Lee Make History picture story competition is still open for entries, log on to www.makehistory-ap.com for more details.

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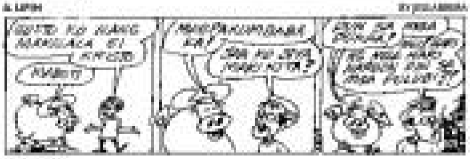

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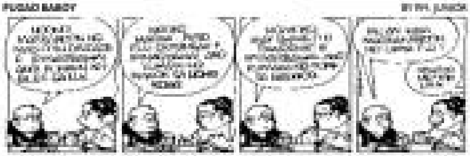

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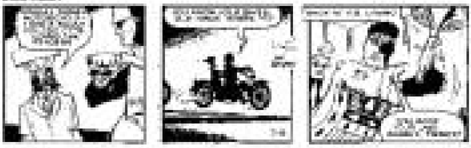

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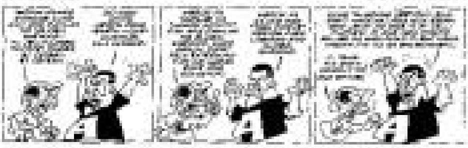

BABY BLUES

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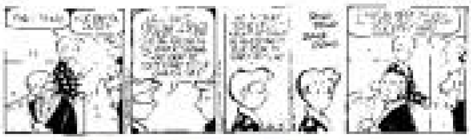

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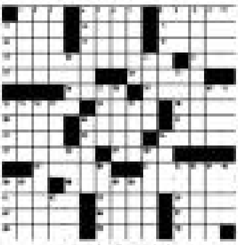

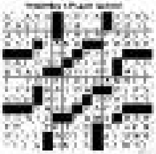

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	3	2	7	4	6	1	9
1	2	4	9	3	6	7	8	5
9	7	6	1	5	8	4	2	3
2	8	7	5	9	3	1	4	6
3	4	9	8	6	1	5	7	2
5	6	1	4	2	7	9	3	8
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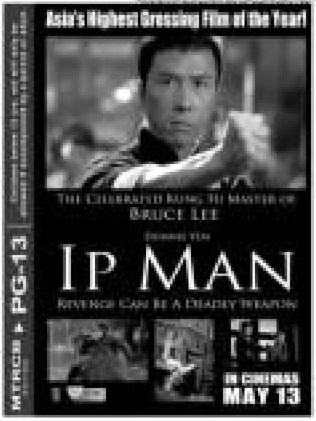

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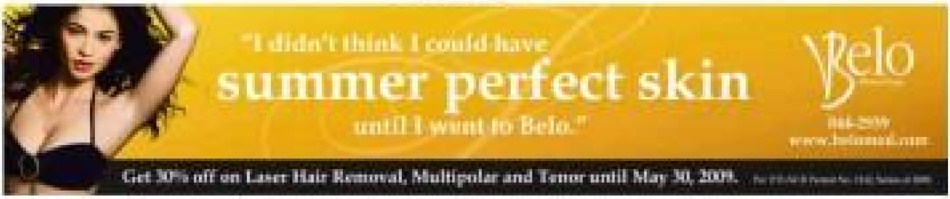
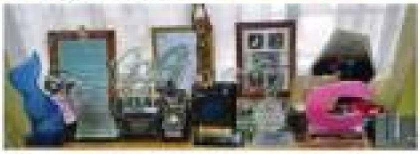
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